his will help the industrial and agricultural progress of the people.

Mr. Anniah Pandit, Yedatore Taluk.

Per contra.—The Revenue Commissioner has been endeavouring to enlist the co-operation of the people in carrying on the exhibition with a view eventually to transfer the conduct of the exhibition to them. When this is done much of its cost to Government will be reduced and so there will be no expense in holding it annually.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 79.

Formation of agricultural colonies.

Mr. D. Venkatramaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—A survey of blocks of land ranging between 50 and 100 acres each consisting of dry, wet, garden and grazing land and found available for cultivation should be made and lists of such blocks made known to the public so that educated young men who might be inclined to settle down as agriculturists might take them up on favorable terms and thus contribute to the improvement of agriculture in the locality by adopting the best methods consistent with local conditions.

The member also stated that where owing to the intermixture of occupied lands it was not possible to get such blocks, the intervening occupied lands should be acquired and the entire block made available to a single agriculturist.

Reply of Government.—The proposal is impracticable. In bechirakh villages or where owing to the scarcity of labour large blocks of land are remaining uncultivated, lands can be obtained for cultivation at *shraya* rates. Information regarding these may be obtained on application to Deputy Commissioners. It is said that such lands abound in the malnad parts of the State and under the Marikanave and Boranakanave channels. The Deputy Commissioner of the Chitaldrug District will notify the existence of lands under the Marikanave tank in the Gazette, and he will afford every facility for obtaining them.

SUBJECT No. 80.

Supari cess.

(1) & (2) Messrs. Shamanna Udupa, Shimoga District Board; K. Shankaranarayan Rao, Nagar Sabha; Sivappa Gowda, Sorab Taluk; (3) H. Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) The members desired to know how the cess collected on arecanut gardens was being utilized or was going to be utilized.

(2) The supari cess is now being collected only with a view to find remedies to prevent and cure the diseases affecting supari trees. It is stated that the Agricultural Chemist deals with these matters. But although one full-time officer is appointed for each district specially for the purpose of affording relief to the garden owners, he cannot be very useful, as he will be unable to get timely information as to the affected localities, and to be on the spot to do the needful. It is therefore prayed that the levy of the cess recently ordered may be abolished.